



Bison Bits *Buffalo Head Prairie School*

Bison Bits is published the first and third Tuesday each month to inform parents about school events and provide important information.

Upcoming Event

Wednesday, June 5

PAT-Gr. 6 Science Field Test

Thursday, June 6

Gr. 2M & 2WRD Field Trip to FV

Gr. 6 Forestry Camp Field Trip

Friday, June 7

FVSD Divisional Elementary
Track & Field @ Ridgeview

All Library Books Due

Gr. 9 Field Trip & Farewell

Friday-Sunday, June 7-9

BHPS Community Campout

Monday, June 10

PAT-Gr. 6 L.A. Part A Field Test

Tuesday, June 11

PAT-Gr. 6 L.A. Part B Field Test

Wednesday, June 12

PAT - Gr. 9 L.A. Part B

Thursday, June 13

PAT - Gr. 9 Math Part A

Friday, June 14

Grade 1D & 1K Field Trip to HL

Jr. High Campout

Sunday, June 16

Father's Day

Monday, June 17

PAT-Gr. 6 Math Field Test

Tuesday, June 18

PAT - Gr. 9 Math Part B

Wednesday, June 19

PAT - Gr. 6 Social Studies

PAT - Gr. 9 Social Studies

ECS Graduation

T/T (AM) W/F (PM)

Thursday, June 20

PAT - Gr. 9 Science

Friday, June 21

Awards/Picnic Day

Report Cards Sent Home

Last Day for BHPS Students

BHPS Elementary Track & Field Report

On Friday, May 24, elementary students enjoyed our Track & Field Day!! This year, Grade 9 students opened a canteen for BHPS Elementary Track & Field event to do a fundraiser for Grade 9 field trip and farewell. Thank you so much for all the staff, junior high helpers, and volunteers to make this fun and big event happen smoothly!

Divisional Elementary Track & Field is happening in La Crete on Friday, June 7. Go Bisons!



FVSD Jr. High Track and Field Divisionals and Zones Report

Jr. High students participated in the divisional track and field meet in High Level on Thursday, May 23. We had a total of 15 students participate in the event. The team finished in first place amongst all Jr. High Schools in the division. Avery Neudorf finished as the top female participant in Jr. High. Thank you to our Bisons students as they represented the school very well.

The team headed off to Grande Prairie for the zone track meet on May 31-June 1, and 11 students participated. BHPS finished in 10th place out of 60 teams, winning several individual medals (Scott Goertzen- 1st in triple jump, Kyler Wieler- 1st in triple jump, Luke Wiens- 2nd in 200m, Curtis Peters- 2nd triple jump, Avery Neudorf- 3rd 400m). The grade 7 boys won 3rd in the 4x100m, while Kyler Wieler aided LCPS in winning the 4x100m as well. All in all, students performed exceptionally well and represented BHPS positively.

Thank you to Mrs. Cristina Goertzen and Mr. Byron Janzen for helping supervise and Mr. Driedger, for doing an excellent job coaching our students.

Grade 9 Farewell

On Friday, June 7, we will acknowledge the grade 9 class as they complete their last year of study at BHPS. We will enjoy a wonderful evening with some great food and sharing. We are so proud of our grade 9 students and the young men and women they have become. We wish them all the best as they either head into high school or venture into a life of employment. Thanks in advance to all the parents for their efforts helping cater the event. Thank you also to Mrs. Harms and Ms. Haag for organizing the event.

Jr. High Campout

Friday to Saturday, June 7 and 8, our Jr. High students will be enjoying their third positive incentive event, the Jr. High Campout. The event will take place at the school supervised by our Jr. High teachers, administration, and some parent volunteers. Students that are passing their classes, having regular attendance, and are exemplifying positive student behavior have earned the right to partake in the much-anticipated event. We look forward to celebrating the end of another school year with our Jr. High students.

Provincial Achievement Test (PAT) Dates

This year, due to the piloting of new curriculum, the only grade 6 PAT will be Social Studies. Grade 6 students will, however, be field testing (FT) PAT exams in Math, Science and LA as a practice, and to help inform Alberta Education regarding future exams. Grade 9 students will write PAT tests in all four core subject areas.

Grade 9 Language Arts Part B– June 12	Grade 9 Math Part A– June 13	Grade 6 Science FT- June 5
Grade 9 Math Part B– June 18	Grade 9 Social Studies– June 19	Grade 6 Language Arts FT-June 10&11
Grade 6 Social Studies– June 19	Grade 9 Science– June 20	Grade 6 Math FT- June 17

All students in the FVSD will be writing their PATs digitally (on computers) this year. Teachers have made efforts throughout the year to prepare students for such testing.

Awards/Picnic Day 2024

What a great time we will all have on the final day of school, June 21. Parents, please join us as we celebrate the conclusion of an excellent school year with an Awards/Picnic Day. The school council will be providing hot dogs and all the fixings for lunch. We are asking that families with the last name starting with **A—M to bring a dessert**
N—Z to bring a salad

More details will be passed along as we get closer to the last day of school.

2024-25 Staffing Update

ECS- Mrs. Robyn Carey
Grade 1- Ms. Kari Dalke, Mrs. Karen Keefe
Grade 2- Mrs. Rachel Magalona, TBD
Grade 3- Mrs. Raelene Peters, Mrs. Shannon Peters
Grade 4- Mr. Aaron Diver
Grade 5- Mr. Jon Hache
Grade 6- Mr. John Acreman
Junior High- Ms. Kalaina Haag, Mr. Trent Kenyon,
Mr. Darian Goertzen
Inclusive Ed/Literacy Coach- Mrs. Melissa MacDonald
Numeracy Coach- Mr. John Acreman
Educational Assistants- Mrs. Jasmine Zacharias,
Mrs. Martha Harms, Mrs. Katharine Neudorf,
Ms. Susie Dyck, Mrs. Lana Halladay,
Mrs. Rosanne Paul, Mrs. Angie Wolfe
Librarian- Mrs. Kathy Janzen
Secretaries- Miss Margaret Wiebe, Mrs. Yumiko Hache
Assistant Principal- Mrs. Shannon Peters
Principal- Mr. Chris Fehr

School Volunteers—Field Trips

We appreciate parent volunteers who assist with field trips. **Vulnerable Sector Checks** and **Intervention Record Checks** are required for school volunteers (including parents) **IF** they have unsupervised access to students at any time during the field trip. Vulnerable Sector Checks can be done in the Mackenzie County office in La Crete. Intervention Record Checks (IRC) need to be requested via email. The application forms for IRC requests can be found on the FVSD website or picked up in the BHPS office. The completed application, along with two pieces of ID, need to be emailed to: cs.hladmin@gov.ab.ca. Parents that will continuously be part of the whole group throughout the field trip do not require these checks to be completed.

BHPS School Community Campout

With the weather finally being warm and comfortable, we are once again provided with an opportunity to enjoy one of our favorite summer pastimes: camping! There is a BHPS school community campout planned at the school for all BHPS families on June 7-9. Everyone is welcome to come out for the weekend or drop in for a few hours. If you have any questions, contact Karen Wolfe, who is the lead organizer, at 780-841-4183.

**Buffalo Head Prairie School
School Council Meeting- May 27, 2024**

Present: Ryan Knelsen, Maria Wieler, Larry Goertzen, Mike Friesen, Danny Teichroeb, Dale Driedger, Katharine Neudorf, Frank Bergen, Chris Fehr, John Zacharias, and Kalaina Haag

- 1. Call to Order at 6:52pm**
- 2. Approval of Agenda**
- 3. M/S Frank/Ryan that the agenda be approved. Carried**
- 4. Minutes from Previous Meeting** – Katharine read the April 29, 2024, meeting minutes.
- 5. Approval of Previous Minutes - M/S Mike/Frank that the April 29, 2024, minutes be accepted as presented. Carried.**
- 6. Chairperson's Report**

Pole shelter building to start on Wednesday, May 29, 2024, weather permitting. Junior high boys will be helping Larry Goertzen with this project to support school and community activities.

Picnic day planning- keep it simple with hotdogs, salads, and desserts.

Staff leaving gifts- Maria Wieler will take charge of this.
- 7. Principal's Report**
 - a. Danielle Goertzen has applied for the BHPS scholarship, council members approved this.
 - b. BHPS enrollment- currently at 269 students, 13 grade 9 students leaving, 33 ECS students enrolled, 9 new students enrolled, 2 leaving, so that puts our projected student numbers at 295 students for 2024-25 school year.
 - c. School expansion blueprint was reviewed by council members. Suggestions were made that Mr. Fehr will communicate to FVSD maintenance.
 - d. Class lists and Parent meeting requests occurred on May 23, 2024, as per communication in newsletters.
 - e. A bus is being provided to BHCS for local students choosing to go to high school. No other students except BHPS high school students will be on this bus.
 - f. BHPS has 13 grade 9 students, 11 of them have confirmed to go on to high school whether it is at LCPS, BHCS or Pathways.
 - g. Grade 9 Farewell and grade 9 trip both happening on Friday June 7, 2024. Ms. Haag will be taking the students to the Heimstaed Lodge in La Crete and to High Level to the games room and for a meal. Farewell will consist of supper and a ceremony to recognize grade 9 students for their time and efforts at BHPS.
 - h. Junior high campout is planned for Friday, June 14, 2024. Students who achieved all requirements of the incentive program are allowed to participate.
 - i. Collegiate Programming happening at BHPS next school year instead of LCPS. Mr. Kenyon, Mr. Goertzen, Mrs. Shannon Peters and some Educational Assistants will be leading this. BHPS plans to offer Babysitting courses, woodworking, construction, cooking, learners/drivers, among a host of other options. Planning is currently underway. Some concerns were raised about space, teaching staff, and how this will all work. Staff continue to plan in order to have this ready for September.
- 8. Financial Update**
 - Operational and SGF Budget Review- We are in good shape with our budgets and anticipate a small surplus.
- 9. Trustee Information**
 - Mr. Zacharias put in a motion to add another trustee to BHPS school.

Next Meeting Date: 2024-25 School Year

Meeting adjourned at **8:06 pm.**